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SUBJ: ADMISSION OF PHILIPPINE NATIONALS TO U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

REF: A) STATE 292966; B) STATE 293616

1. THE INFORMATION CONVEYED IN REF A THAT THE PHILIPPINES  
(1) WILL NO LONGER HAVE AN ASSURED SLOT AT THE U.S. COAST  
GUARD ACADEMY AND (2) MUST NOW REIMBURSE THE USG FOR  
EDUCATION AT THE ACADEMY, COULD NOT BE MORE UNTIMELY  
OR UNHELPFUL COMING AS IT DOES AFTER THE EVENTS OF  
THE PAST WEEK REGARDING THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. SOME  
WITHIN THE GOP MAY VIEW THE LOSS OF THE ACADEMY TRAINING  
SLOT AS AN INDICATOR THAT THE U.S. CARES LESS ABOUT THE  
NEEDS OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY. SOME MAY SEE THE  
REQUIREMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS AS A MOVE BY THE  
U.S. TO PLACE A PRICE ON EVERYTHING WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING  
THE PHILIPPINES THROUGHT THE TRADITIONAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.

2. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT THE EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING WE HAVE PROVIDED THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY AT  
THE U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES HAS YIELDED US DIRECT  
BENEFITS WHICH FAR OUTWEIGH THE COSTS. SOME OF THE  
TOP OFFICERS IN THE AFP HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE U.S.  
MILITARY ACADEMIES AND WE HAVE FOUND THAT FOR VIRTUALLY  
ALL, THE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN POSITIVE AND INDELIBLE.  
THIS IS AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION AS THE  
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AFP MOVES TOWARD EVER EXPANDING ROLES IN THE MARTIAL LAW

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3. WHILE THE NEW LEGISLATION APPEARS TO PRECLUDE ANY PROSPECT OF ASSURING THE GOP THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AN ANNUAL SLOT AT THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY, WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT APPROVAL BE OBTAINED PROMPTLY TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE GOP TO REIMBURSE THE USG FOR ANY TRAINING IT MAY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AT THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY. (IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT CLEAR FROM REFTEL B THAT GOP WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE FOR CADETS CURRENTLY AT THE ACADEMY. IF THAT IS THE INTENT OF THE NEW LEGISLATION, IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT A WAIVER BE OBTAINED BEFORE ANY BILLS ARE SENT TO THE GOP.)

4. WE ARE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE AFP CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF PHILIPPINE CANDIDATES FOR THE CLASS OF 1981. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE NAMES OF CANDIDATES PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31.  
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